GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3379
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2000
TELEPHONE SERVICES IN BANASKANTHA
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural telephone exchanges functioning in Banaskantha region of Gujarat at present, block-wise;

(b) whether the condition of the telephone services and rural telephone exchanges in the region has been found unsatisfactory;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to improve the condition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) There are 104 rural telephone exchanges functioning in Banaskantha region of Gujarat as on 31.03.2000. Block-wise details are in Annexure.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Improvement of telephone services is a continuous process. It is proposed to provide reliable transmission media to the remaining 61 exchanges in phased manner for further improvement during the current financial year.

Annexure

Block wise details of rural telephone exchanges functioning in Banaskantha region of Gujarat.

Name of Block (Taluka)	No. of Rural Exchanges
AMIRGADH	03
BHABHAR	02
DANTA	08
DANTIWADA	03
DHANERA	06
DESSA	19
DEODAR	09
KANKREJ	06
PALANPUR	12
PANTHAWADA	02
RADHANPUR	06
SANTALPUR	02
THARAD	15
VADGAM	09
WAV	02